

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the electronic document is downloaded from a database coupled to a computer network.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising saving the electronic information disclosure statement in a database.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the database is a local database in communication with a local computer network.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the database is a remote database in communication with the internet.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising providing access to the electronic information disclosure statement to multiple users over a network.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising prompting the user for an access code when the user requests access to the electronic information disclosure statement, wherein when the correct code is provided by the user, the user may access the electronic information disclosure statement, and when the correct code is not provided by the user, the user may not access the electronic information disclosure statement.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising providing the user with instructions on when an electronic document is to be disclosed to a patent office.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, further comprising:
the computer determining that a patent application corresponding to the electronic information disclosure statement is being electronically filed in an official patent office; and
electronically transmitting the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office contemporaneously with the patent application.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, further comprising the computer generating, via an automated process, a letter to third party in a foreign country when the electronic information disclosure statement is filed in a patent office, the letter including at least a portion of the electronic information disclosure statement.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a United States Patent.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a foreign patent document.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a publication.

24-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to save the electronic information disclosure statement in a database.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to provide access to the electronic information disclosure statement to multiple users over a network.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 32 wherein the database is a local database in communication with a local computer network.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 32 wherein the database is a remote database in communication with the internet.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to download the electronic document from a database coupled to a computer network.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 33 wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to prompt the user for an access code when the user requests access to the electronic information disclosure statement, wherein when the correct code is provided by the user, the user may access the electronic information disclosure statement, and when the correct code is not provided by the user, the user may not access the electronic information disclosure statement.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to provide the user with instructions on when an electronic document is to be disclosed to a patent office.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the ~~computer~~ instructions to provide for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office comprise computer instructions to electronically transmit the electronic information disclosure statement to a patent office.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises: said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to:

instructions to determine that a patent application corresponding to the electronic information disclosure statement is being electronically filed in the official patent office; and
instructions to electronically transmit the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office substantially contemporaneously with the patent application.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 63, wherein the set of instructions further comprises said computer readable memory further includes computer instructions to automatically generate a letter to third party in a foreign country when the electronic information disclosure statement is filed in the official patent office, the letter including a portion of the electronic information disclosure statement.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a United States Patent.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a foreign patent document.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein the electronic document is an electronic version of a publication.

45. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of generating an information disclosure statement in a form suitable for filing with an official patent office, the method comprising:

providing a computer interface for a user to review at least one electronic document that is relevant to a patent application; one or more electronic documents, wherein the computer interface is configured to provide a prompt to allow the user to identify at least one electronic document as being relevant to a patent application;

allowing a user to identify the at least one relevant electronic document for disclosure to a patent office;

receiving, from the user and via the interface, a signal indicating that the at least one electronic document should be disclosed to the patent office;

in response to the signal, extracting, via an automated process and from the at least one electronic document, a set of information to be used in an information disclosure statement;

incorporating at least some of the extracted information from the electronic document into an electronic information disclosure statement, wherein the electronic information disclosure statement comprises a form suitable for filing with an official patent office; and

providing for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein providing for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office comprises printing the electronic information disclosure statement to create an information disclosure statement for mailing to the official patent office.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein providing for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office comprises transmitting the electronic information disclosure statement electronically to the official patent office.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, and wherein allowing a user to review one or more electronic documents select at least one relevant electronic document for disclosure to a patent office comprises allowing the user to browse the Internet to find at least one relevant electronic document.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, and wherein allowing a user to review one or more electronic documents select at least one relevant electronic document for disclosure to a patent office comprises allowing the user to search a database of electronic documents to find at least one relevant electronic document.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein ~~incorporating at least some information from the at least one electronic document into the electronic information disclosure statement comprises: extracting a set of information comprises extracting a relevant portion of a set of reference information from the at least one electronic document, and wherein incorporating at least some of the extracted information from the electronic document into an electronic information disclosure statement comprises inserting the relevant portion of the set of reference information into the electronic information disclosure statement.~~

~~extracting a relevant portion of a set of reference information from the at least one electronic document; and~~

~~inserting the relevant portion of the set of reference information into the electronic information disclosure statement.~~

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein extracting a relevant portion of a set of reference information comprises:

allowing the user to select in the electronic document a relevant portion of a set of reference information; and

providing the user with an option to insert the selected relevant portion into the electronic information into the electronic information disclosure statement.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein extracting a relevant portion of a set of reference information comprises:

allowing the user to drag a relevant portion of a set of reference information from the at least one electronic document into the electronic information disclosure statement.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein extracting a relevant portion of a set of reference information comprises:

parsing the at least electronic document for a relevant portion of a set of reference information.

54. – 57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein the computer interface is comprises a web browser.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein determining that a patent application corresponding to the electronic information disclosure statement is being electronically filed in the official patent office comprises receiving user input indicating that the patent application is being electronically filed in the official patent office.

60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein the electronic information disclosure statement is a document separate from but related to the patent application, and wherein the electronic information disclosure statement is configured to meet a set of requirements to of the official patent office.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, further comprising:
receiving from the user a set of general information to be included in the electronic information disclosure statement, the set of general information comprising information about the patent application to which the electronic information disclosure statement is related.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising:
downloading the at least one electronic document from the Internet.

63. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:
a processor and a computer-readable memory in communication with the processor, the computer-readable memory comprising a set of instructions executable by the processor, the set of instructions comprising: including computer instructions to:
instructions to provide an interface for a user to review at least one electronic document that is relevant to a patent application; one or more electronic documents, wherein the interface is configured to provide a prompt to allow the user to identify at least one electronic document as being relevant to a patent application;

~~allow a user to identify the at least one relevant electronic document for disclosure to a patent office;~~

instructions to receive, from the user and via the interface, a signal indicating that the at least one electronic document should be disclosed to the patent office;

instructions, responsive to the signal, to extract from the at least one electronic document a set of information to be used in an information disclosure statement;

instructions to incorporate at least some of the extracted information from the electronic document into an electronic information disclosure statement, wherein the electronic information disclosure statement comprises a form suitable for filing with an official patent office; and

instructions to provide for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office.

64. (Currently Amended) A computer software program embodied on a computer-readable memory, the computer software program comprising a set of instructions executable by a computer to: computer, the set of instructions comprising:

instructions to provide an interface for a user to review ~~at least one electronic document that is relevant to a patent application; one or more electronic documents, wherein the interface is configured to provide a prompt to allow the user to identify at least one electronic document as being relevant to a patent application;~~

~~allow a user to identify the at least one relevant electronic document for disclosure to a patent office;~~

instructions to receive, from the user and via the interface, a signal indicating that the at least one electronic document should be disclosed to the patent office;

instructions, responsive to the signal, to extract from the at least one electronic document a set of information to be used in an information disclosure statement;

instructions to incorporate at least some of the extracted information from the electronic document into an electronic information disclosure statement, wherein the electronic

information disclosure statement comprises a form suitable for filing with an official patent office; and

instructions to provide for the transmission of the electronic information disclosure statement to the official patent office.